

Edgewater Refurbishment

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Edgewater – Lake Wānaka’s refurbishment programme has been progressing well.

From April 2023 approximately 1/3 of the rooms have been undergoing significant improvements. These newly refurbished rooms are on track to be finished by December 2023.

It is phase one of the rolling refurbishment programme that will see other rooms and the guest areas be progressively refurbished over the next two years. The objective of the refurbishment programme is to enhance the in-room guest experience and ensure that Edgewater’s accommodation offering remains current and modern. We will remain at our current 4.5 star level.



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Information

Changes in Guest Rooms

The in-room guest experience will be elevated with the following changes and improvements to the guest rooms:

- Introduction of air-conditioning units in all rooms
- Double glazing of the windows and additional insulation in walls and ceilings
- Improved heating
- Bathroom revamp; removal of the baths and tiling of a new shower area
- New joinery, furniture and painting throughout
- New interior styling
- Key card entry system

In addition, the one bedroom suite and two bedroom apartments will see changes to the kitchenette area

- removal of the protruding bench/counter area
- new full-size refrigerator
- new cooktop/rangehood
- associated cabinetry
- dish drawer

Edgewater is fortunate to be spaciouly set out on 10 acres of park-like lakefront land. The rooms undergoing refurbishment will be wing-by-wing and safely fenced off from public areas. The remainder of the hotel will continue operating as usual.

Reintroduction of Guest Rooms

The refurbished rooms will be re-introduced into the hotel inventory when each wing or section is completed.

They will be known by their room type, but with the prefix “Premium” e.g Premium Hotel Room, Premium Suite and Premium Apartment.

They will attract a premium rate over and above the existing (non-refurbished) room rate. When seeking a quote or making a reservation please state “Premium” for the refurbished rooms.

Please note that from December 2023 and over the summer season we are expecting high demand for these premium rooms and reservations are subject to availability. Direct your request to Edgewater’s Reservations team: Email: reservations@edgewater.co.nz

Project Management

The refurbishment project has involved the following specialists suppliers:

- Architect - Mason & Wales
- Interior Design - Nikki Wilson
- BMC Engineering Consultants
- Project Management - Constructive Consulting

As much as possible supplies and components have been sourced locally or within the South Island, thus supporting New Zealand businesses.

In total, the refurbishment represents an investment by the owners of the resort of \$18 - \$20 million. Edgewater was opened in 1986.

FAQ's

Will the project be noisy, affecting other guests?

All work will be undertaken during the day-time from 7.30am – 5.00pm.

At times there will be some noisy elements mainly involving the reconstruction of the stairwells and the removal of the baths in the bathrooms. We have identified some other rooms, not under refurbishment, that we will block off to act as a 'buffer' during these noisy times.

Will cars and coaches still be able to park at Edgewater?

Yes, there is no change to the coach parking areas. A few car parks around the refurbished rooms will be lost during the construction phase.

Can guests access the ski drying rooms?

Yes, Block 5 will have a drying room available to guests.

Is there a mock-up room?

Unfortunately, not at this time. We expect to gain advance access to the interiors of the rooms in November 2023 and will take some photos and video of the Premium rooms then. We look forward to sharing those shortly after.

Will you provide updates on progress?

Yes, we intend to share regular updates on milestones and progress over the months ahead.

What are your sustainability initiatives?

As mentioned, we are introducing double window glazing and added insulation. The appliances in the kitchenette will be new and thus the latest energy efficient technology. We have contracted a local construction company and using locally sourced suppliers almost exclusively.

Can we stay on a famil visit, during the refurbishment?

Yes, you are most welcome, subject to availability. Depending on safety considerations at the time, we could host you on a 'hard-hat' tour of the refurbished rooms.

Will there be any construction during the 2023-2024 summer season?

No. We expect the refurbished rooms will be available for stays by December 2023. As mentioned, the remainder of the hotel continues to operate as usual. The new refurbished rooms will attract a slightly higher room rate.

Are you building more guest rooms?

No, however several guest rooms are currently used by management and administration. New office space will be added, and those guest rooms will revert to the hotel inventory. We will move from the current 103 rooms to a total of 106 rooms by the end of the project (2025).